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June 18, 2021

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Jocelyn Boyd Chief Clerk/Executive Director The Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Docket No. 2021-153-S

Application of Palmetto Wastewater Reclamation, Inc. for Adjustment of Rates and Charges (Increase) and Terms and Conditions of Sewer Service.

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Please find enclosed for filing the Petition to Intervene on behalf of the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs. As indicated on the Certificate of Service, all parties of record will be served via electronic mail.

Regards,

Roger Hall, Esq.

Deputy Consumer Advocate

Enclosures

Cc: Parties of Record (via email)

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION DOCKET NO. 2021-153-S

| IN RE: |) |
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| Application of Palmetto Wastewater Reclamation, Inc. for Adjustment of Rates and Charges (Increase) and Terms and Conditions of Sewer Service | PETITION TO INTERVENE)) |

Carri Grube Lybarker, Administrator and Consumer Advocate for the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs ("Department"), respectfully petitions the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("Commission") for permission to intervene in the above referenced Docket pursuant to R. 103-825 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure. In support of this petition, Petitioner states as follows:

- 1. Palmetto Wastewater Reclamation, Incorporated has filed an application with the Commission requesting approval for an adjustment of rates and charges and terms and conditions of sewer service to its customers.
- 2. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 37-6-604 (2018), the Department may provide legal representation of the consumer interest before state and federal regulatory agencies when such agencies undertake to fix rates or prices for consumer products or services and may intervene as a party to advocate for the interest of consumers before the South Carolina Public Service Commission. In that capacity the Consumer Advocate does hereby petition to intervene as a formal party of record in Docket No. 2021-153-S.
- 3. The Department works to avoid excessive, inadequate, and unwarranted rate increases; however, a position has not yet been fully developed on this matter. Petitioner reserves the right to set forth her position more fully as necessary and appropriate as this proceeding moves forward.

4. Counsel representing the Consumer Advocate/Department in this proceeding are:

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5. The Consumer Advocate/Department consents to service via electronic mail and requests all communications regarding this docket be directed to counsel of record noted above.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner, in order to represent the consumer interest of the State of South Carolina, requests the Commission grant this Petition to Intervene and make Petitioner a formal party of record, allowing Petitioner to actively participate in this proceeding.

Carri Grube Lybarker, Esquire Administrator / Consumer Advocate

By: s/ Carri Grube Lybarker

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I hereby certify I have caused to be served this day the **Petition to Intervene** to the individuals listed below via electronic mail as follows:

Palmetto Wastewater Reclamation, Incorporated

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s/ Eliza Mecaj Eliza Mecaj, PP

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